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Haine blasted for annexation suit

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Tensions are escalating in Madison about objections to the city's controversial annexation of the Chain of Rocks Landfill on Chouteau Island.

At the Madison City Council meeting Tuesday, Alderman Ron Grzywacz blasted Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine for filing suit against the city last week challenging the annexation.

He also criticized a couple of mayoral candidates in Granite City for what he said amounted to sticking their noses in Madison's business.

"I have no respect for Bill Haine or anyone else who signed any complaints (about the annexation)," Grzywacz said.

Madison took the landfill and the old Chain of Rocks Bridge (See SUIT, Page 2A)

City rejects incentives

Other alternatives explored for annexations

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City officials have apparently nixed any plans to offer financial incentives to convince area residents to annex into the city.

"This surely would create problems down the road for us," said Alderman Craig Tarpoff, chairman of the City Council's Planning, Zoning and Annexations Committee.

The idea was first raised last month, when some aldermen said incentives — temporary property tax breaks, for example — could convince residents of unincorporated Madison County to come into the city. The annexations would mean additional assessed valuation and

population for the city, resulting in a larger Motor Fuel Tax allotment and spreading the property tax burden among more property owners.

Until about eight years ago, property annexed into the city was also included in Granite City Township because of its coterminous nature (meaning the city and township shared boundaries).

But because residents of Nameoki Township chose by referendum to keep Gorbe Subdivision in Nameoki Township when the subdivision was annexed into the city, the township and city no longer shared exact boundaries.

Nameoki and Chouteau townships later sued Granite City Township to determine if the city and township were coterminous. The Appellate Court ruled

that the city was no longer coterminous for annexation purposes and that any property annexed since Gorbe remains in its original township.

Economic Development Director Dan Brown, who is opposed to offering financial incentives to residents who annex into the city, said the fact that the city and township are no longer coterminous has significantly hampered annexation efforts because residents who come into the city, which levies a property tax for road maintenance, must continue to pay township property taxes — and thus are hit by a double tax for road maintenance.

"It has definitely been a stumbling block when we try to annex," Brown said. (See CITY, Page 9A)

Madison approves new tax

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

"Thunder on the River" could precipitate pennies from heaven for the city of Madison. The Madison City Council adopted an ordinance Tuesday establishing an entertainment tax on nationally-sanctioned sporting events.

The tax will be 30 cents per ticket in 1997, will double to 60 cents per ticket in 1998 and will be \$1 per ticket in 1999.

Rod Wolter, manager of Gateway International Raceway in Madison — where three nationally-sanctioned racing events have already been scheduled next year — said the tax was something raceway officials could live with.

"It is a pleasure to work with someone who is willing to work with you," Wolter said of negotiations between city and race officials.

Wolter said he and Chris Pook, president of Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, which owns Gateway, had hoped city officials would wait a year to see how popular the track is before establishing the tax.

"But you don't usually get everything you want in negotiations," Wolter said.

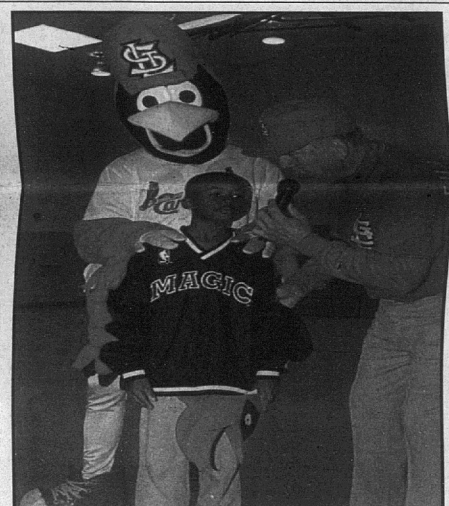
Track officials should be pleased with the tax increment financing arrangement it has negotiated with the city. Under the terms of the redevelopment agreement, 70 percent of the property tax increment generated by the raceway — up to \$12 million over the life of the TIF — can be used for raceway improvements. The remaining 30 percent will go to the city.

The track is expected to have seating for 45,000 persons next year, but temporary seat (See TAX, Page 9A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Special guest — Above, Joe Cunningham of the St. Louis Cardinals asks Prather School sixth-grade student Reggie Hammond, who Fredbird invited up during their visit to his school, what the three points stressed by the Cardinals for success are. The points are: Stay in School, Stay off Drugs and Participate in Sports. At right, Prather sixth grader Korl Warren shows her enthusiasm for Fredbird's visit by wearing a towel with his likeness on the back, a hat fashioned to look like him and his name pasted to her face.



Man allegedly held woman for 11 days

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Police were holding a 40-year-old Granite City man Wednesday while they investigated a report that he kept a woman locked in his apartment against her will for 11 days, deprived her of food for the last nine days, sexually abused her, brutally beat and stomped her and stole her jewelry and pawned it.

Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City police department said detectives

would seek multiple charges against the suspect today.

"If what the victim tells us is true, this was a most hateful and villainous act and can't be tolerated. We will vigorously pursue prosecution," Pomeroy said.

The victim, a 42-year-old woman, was in poor health, weak and frail from abuse and lack of food when police found her locked in the apartment in the 2500 block of Grand Avenue at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to a police report.

The suspect was arrested at the apartment just before 7 a.m. Wednesday and was being held in the city jail pending the formal filing of charges.

Officers dispatched to the apartment in reference to a battery knocked on the door and waited several minutes until the victim came to the door, the report states.

The woman told police that the suspect had changed the lock on the front door to a dead bolt and refused to let her have a key. She said she had been kept hostage for 11 days and deprived

of food for the last nine.

The woman opened a window to let officers in and showed them severe bruises all over her body. She said the suspect gave her the bruises by striking her with his fist several times each day and stomping on her foot, possibly breaking it.

She also said the suspect sexually abused her, tried to rape her several times and attempted to sodomize her during the 11-day ordeal.

The woman told police the suspect (See WOMAN, Page 9A)

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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Top Teen

Tony Evans is the Granite City Press-Record Top Teen. Evans, a senior at Granite City High School, is a member of National Honor Society, Who's Who, Boy Scouts "Order of the Arrow", Science Club, Environmental Club, the wrestling team, honors program and Future Medical Occupation Club.

He is a DARE role model, president of Students Against Drunken Driving and president of Foreign



State police effort pays off

Illinois State Police officials said the first phase of their Special Traffic Enforcement Program yielded positive results.

"Traffic fatalities are down for the first time in four years," State Police Director Terrance W. Gainer said of the program, which ended Nov. 27. State police beefed up traffic enforcement through November and cracked down on drunken driving, speeding and safety belt violations.

STEP officers concentrated efforts on traffic offenses that often cause fatal accidents,

including speeding and DUI. They patrolled areas that experience high levels of traffic problems.

"This is the time of year to be prepared for changing road conditions. While speeding is a factor in 30 percent of all fatal traffic crashes, it contributes to about 47 percent of the fatal collisions on roads covered with ice, slush or snow," Commander Lonnie Inlow said.

STEP officers are working in conjunction with county and municipal police agencies.

STEP is funded through a (See POLICE, Page 6A)

8 sought on drug charges

By Bob Slata
Staff writer

Granite City police are seeking the public's assistance in apprehending eight individuals wanted on outstanding felony drug warrants.

James Robert Smith, Erik A. Larsen, Carmella C. Martin, Michael A. Starnes, Kirby W. Whitt, Frederick H. Ray, Michael Lake and David T. O'Brien are among those wanted by Granite City police. All are wanted on felony drug possession warrants issued as a result of investigations by the Granite City police department's two-man undercover narcotics unit. Anyone with information about any of the suspects should call Granite City police at 877-6111 or 876-9027.

Smith, 32, of the 3700 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, is wanted on a warrant filed Nov. 7 charging him with unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the warrant is \$25,000.

Smith is alleged to have possessed less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine in a Sept. 18 incident in Granite City.

Smith is described as 5-foot 11-inches tall, weighing 160 pounds and having brown hair and brown eyes.

Larsen, 35, and Martin, 32, both of the 2500 block of West 24th Street, are wanted on a warrant filed Nov. 20 charging

each of them with unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver it. Bond on the warrant is \$40,000 each.

They are alleged to have possessed more than 30 but less than 500 grams of cannabis in a Sept. 2 incident in Granite City.

Larsen is described as 5-foot 8-inches tall, weighing 142 pounds and having brown hair and brown eyes.

No description of Martin was available.

Starnes, 36, of the 1100 block of Logan Avenue in Venice, is charged with felony possession of a controlled substance in a warrant issued Oct. 30. Bond on the warrant is \$15,000.

Starnes is alleged to have possessed less than one gram of a substance containing cocaine in a July 21 incident in Granite City.

Starnes is 5-foot 9-inches tall, weighs 215 pounds and has brown hair and eyes.

Whitt, 32, of the 2600 block of Sidney in Allon, is wanted on a felony warrant issued Sept. 26 charging him with unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the warrant is \$15,000.

Whitt is alleged to have possessed less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine in a June 21 incident in Granite City.

Whitt is 5-foot 11-inches tall, weighs 155 pounds and has brown hair and eyes.

Ray, 26, of the 2800 block of Warren Avenue, is charged



with unlawful possession of a controlled substance in a felony warrant issued Sept. 26. Bond on the warrant is \$15,000.

Ray is alleged to have possessed less than 200 grams of a substance containing methamphetamine in a June 27 incident in Granite City.

Ray is described as 5-foot 9-inches tall, weighing 145 pounds and having sandy colored hair and brown eyes.

Lake, 31, of Gary Avenue in Maryville, is charged with felony possession of a controlled substance in a warrant issued Oct. 30. Bond is \$15,000.

Lake allegedly possessed less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine in an Aug. 31 incident in Granite City.

Lake is described as 6-foot tall, weighing 200 pounds and having brown hair and hazel

eyes.

O'Brien, 17, is charged in a felony warrant issued Nov. 13 with unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver it. Bond on the warrant is \$25,000.

O'Brien allegedly possessed more than 30 but less than 500 grams of cannabis in an Oct. 5 incident in Granite City.

O'Brien is described as 6-foot 1-inch tall, weighing 165 pounds and having brown hair and blue eyes.

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MADD gives state low grade

Illinois' failure to lower the blood-alcohol content limit for drunken driving has cost it the "A" rating given by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The group, in a newly released survey, has stuck the state with a "B" for DUI-fighting efforts.

"The safety of the driving public is threatened by a complacent attitude toward impaired driving," said Tonya Goldasich, chairwoman of the Illinois MADD chapter. She said the state's rating is good but needs improvement.

The grade was lowered from a 1993 "A" rating. Eight other states were ranked higher than Illinois this year, in contrast to the state's leading position in 1993.

Secretary of State George Ryan said he is "angry and disappointed" with the grade and vowed to fight harder for a lower blood-alcohol content limit for DUI charges.

"I am going to do everything within my power to improve this ranking and put Illinois back in the forefront of nationwide leadership on the DUI issue," he said.

Ryan's support of lowering the current blood-alcohol content limit from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent has not been enough to encourage the legislature to pass a new law.

Various proposals have died in the legislature in recent years. The MADD survey emphasized that alcohol-related traffic deaths in the nation increased this year

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—George Ryan
Secretary of state

for the first time in more than 10 years.

MADD's Rating the States survey used data from government agencies to rate efforts in several categories. Illinois received an "A" for statistics and records, but fell down in two key areas — legislation (B) and fatal accident reporting system (C+).

Goldasich said passage of the 0.08 percent measure would boost Illinois' rating and save lives.

She also suggested more high-profile deterrent events, such as roadside sobriety check points.

The survey was co-sponsored by the American Highway and Auto Safety and the National Insurance Co.

—From The Telegraph

Computer discussion planned

Tom O'Brien, a professor from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at SIUE, will discuss "Fun with Computers" on Dec. 11, at the ninth Dialogue with Senior Citizens program of the fall semester.

The program, from 1 to 3 p.m., is scheduled in the University Center. It is free and open to the public.

O'Brien will present an interactive session in which participants will get a chance to enjoy and investigate educational software.

The weekly Dialogue series, an educational and cultural enrichment program for older adults, is sponsored by the Gerontology Program, School of Education, and the Office of Continuing Education.

For more information, call Anthony Traxler, director of the Gerontology Program, at 692-3454.



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Donations — The Granite City High School Ethnic Club collected this pile of canned and packaged foods to donate to the Salvation Army for distribution to area needy.

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Polley named to three committees

New Madison County Board member Patricia Polley, D-Granite City, has been tapped for the education, sewer and data processing committees.

She was named to those posts Monday during a reorganizational meeting of the board.

"My election to the board is a responsibility I take very seriously," Polley said. "I have always tried to repay the confidence of the voters with honesty, forthrightness and diligence."

Meanwhile, Rudy Papa's former rival for Madison County Board chairman led

the vote to re-elect him to the seat for the next two years.

Papa's 28 peers elected him unanimously after Alan Dunstan, D-Troy, who cited Papa's five-month record as chairman, made the nomination.

"He has united the County Board as chairman," said

Dunstan, whom Papa defeated for the seat by just one vote in June.

Polley was sworn in as the only new member to be elected in November and the first woman board member since 1980.

Papa, D-Bethalto, was first elected as chairman to fill the unexpired term of the late chairman Nelson Hagauer, who died in May.

Other board members echoed Dunstan's praise of Papa.

Over the last five months, Rudy has proven to be a capable and qualified leader," Jack Frandsen, D-Alhambra, said.

"I would like to congratulate Rudy Papa on his attitude of inclusiveness in the last five months," said Albert Charles, D-Allon, one of two black board members.

After acknowledging a standing ovation, Papa thanked the crowd and outlined the county's many ongoing projects.

He pledged to continue pushing projects such as the county's Long-Range Transportation Planning Process, drug court program, stormwater management improvements, Public Health Plan and recycling program.

Papa warned that pressure to adopt a property tax cap in the future could jeopardize the future of the county Nursing Home. He also said a property tax cap could hinder development of the new Health Department.

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Guest column Chasing the elusive Christmas spirit

I'm ready for Christmas. You see, I am a traditionalist. I don't like to begin celebrating the birth of our Savior by starting my yuletide debauchery before ending my Thanksgiving gluttony.

And since almost all the pre-Thanksgiving Christmas festivities seem to involve someone trying to separate me from my money — either through charity or commerce — it's easy not to get into the holiday spirit.

Decking the halls is something that should be done after the Halloween costumes have been put away for another year, and I become offended when I go to the drugstore to purchase sun block for that last summer trip and come face-to-face with tree ornaments.

Of course, if I was foolish enough to try to stave my serious Christmas shopping the day after Thanksgiving, I'm sure trying to find a parking space would have me saying "bah, humbug" to beat the band.

Don't get me wrong, I do love Christmas.

After all, it is Jesus' birthday.

And presents are nice. I'm not as greedy as I was as a child, mostly because nobody who likes me enough to spend money on me could afford to buy what I really want. So I've become less materialistic over the years. I still have my dreams, but I'm much more realistic.

"It's a Wonderful Life" is a great movie, and I love the old "Saturday Night Live" version where they all go out to lynch old man Potter after singing around the piano.

Scott Cousins

I've actually started enjoying sending Christmas cards. Of course, mine are more likely to have characters from the Addams Family or Ren and Stimpy than a heavenly host or a manger scene.

And Christmas music is nice, whether it is a harp rendition of traditional carols and hymns or "Weird" Al Yankovic's "The Night Santa Went Crazy" (if you have to ask, you don't want to know).

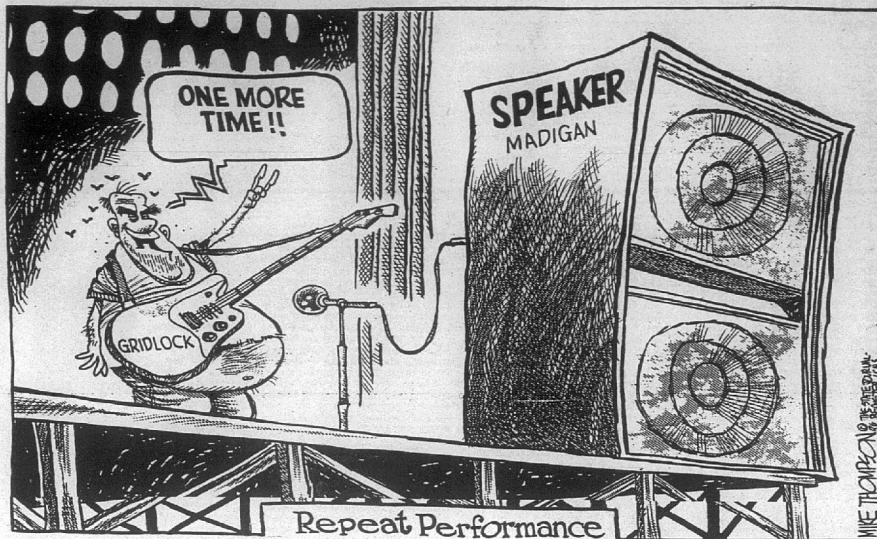
And one of my favorite books is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," probably the greatest redemption story of all time outside of the Bible. I confess I usually read the book several times a year.

Newspapering is a cynical profession, and I usually find myself reacting for Dickens after I've said, "If they be like to die, then do it, and decrease the surplus population!" once too many times.

So now, with the remains of the Thanksgiving entree sitting safely in the fridge, I can safely bask in the glow of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

That's quite enough for me. Scott Cousins writes for the Granite City Journal and Press Record.



Court system sometimes lacks sense

If he hadn't been freed on a \$20,000 bond, Tracey Leonard would be in the Madison County Jail awaiting trial on charges that he kidnapped and raped a woman in Granite City Aug. 26.

Instead, Leonard is facing charges in Tennessee that he kidnapped and raped a woman in Nashville Tuesday, and shot her to death.

We can only hope that this tragedy is sufficient to cause local judges and prosecutors to give more consideration to public safety when it comes to releasing people suspected of violent crimes.

State's Attorney William Haine appar-

ently took note. He asked Assistant State's Attorney Chuck Osmon for his resignation Thursday.

Leonard, 29, a staff sergeant in the Army's Special Forces stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., was being held in Madison County in lieu of \$150,000 bail until Circuit Judge Edward Ferguson granted a request by defense attorney William Mudge that it be lowered to \$20,000, which requires that only \$2,000 cash be posted.

Osmon, the prosecutor assigned to the case, did not object. "He made a mistake, and it turned out to be a fatal mistake," Haine said. "I feel

badly about it, but I feel I had no choice. An example must be made."

Most folks are shocked when people suspected of terrible, violent crimes, including murder, are released while awaiting trial. They are shocked when people already convicted of crimes are "furloughed" to get their affairs in order before going to prison. They are not surprised when "furloughed" prisoners fail to return.

They are beginning to wonder what's happened to common sense in our court system.

— From The Telegraph

Letters to the editor

Residents right to fight higher taxes

TO THE EDITOR:
I happen to have been reading the newspaper, and I found the article "Residents fight plan" — and I wanted to say that I agree with the residents of East Madison.

I think if the residents don't want to pay higher taxes, then they should not have to. If the residents don't pay higher taxes, they should not get more sewers or move more people in. I think they should get to choose.

I think if they move more people into the community, it would be crowded, and I don't think the community would want that. If their community is crowded, then it will be worse than it already is. The residents think it's already bad enough.

Another reason for being against the annexation is because West Madison is a totally neglected area. Most of the people are on fixed income. Those people can't support their family and pay more taxes. The taxes shouldn't be that high just for sewers. Also the city surrounds it, and it's less than 60 acres. If annexed, the city will need more building and zoning equipment.

The residents are fighting for a plan for no higher taxes but if they do have to pay higher taxes, I think Madison should get worked on first. I think residents should also get first choice.

LADONNA PHILLIPS
Granite City

Plan for early retirement is a good one

TO THE EDITOR:
On Sept. 8, an article entitled "County nixes early retirement proposal" was printed. I think that early retirement should be reconsidered for a "yes" vote.

Finance Committee Chairman William Little said that the committee will vote

on it again when it can show a reduction in cost. It could show a lower cost if they give it a chance and work out some ideas. That would be a good thing to do — have the whole committee work on some ideas to lower the cost.

Forty-one of 76 county workers said they would have considered early retirement. That's over half of the county that was surveyed. That should be enough to convince them to vote "yes."

The issue is early retirement for the committee is worried about the cost. They shouldn't think of the cost, they should think of the workers.

If there was an early retirement plan, then maybe some people would like to have that plan and want to work for that company.

I believe that it would benefit the company. There would always be extra workers. It might reduce the cost by paying so many workers there wouldn't be any lost work time.

I think the early retirement should be voted on — until its vote is "yes."

BRANDI JONES
Granite City

People with AIDS deserve respect, peace

TO THE EDITOR:
The week of Sept. 9, you published an article titled "AIDS patient scared out of Centralia."

I disagree very strongly with the article in Centralia because even if a person has AIDS, they still deserve respect and shouldn't be scared out of their own home.

One of the many reasons I disagree with them is because all people are created equal despite of race, religion, and any disabilities or diseases they may have. If you judge a person, you should judge them by their personalities, not anything that they may have different about them. Each person has different qualities, and no two people are exactly alike.

In the Bill of Rights, people are given the right to the pursuit of happiness. If someone was being scared out of their town because of a

disease they have, they wouldn't be very happy. A right they are given by the Constitution is being taken away.

If the man was putting others in the town at risk of getting the disease, the things they have done might be understandable. But he was not harming anyone. After Tony Montgomery discovered he was infected, he went into rehab for drugs and alcohol and has now recovered. He had the willpower to get himself in rehab to better himself after finding out he was infected.

I think the people of Centralia need to put themselves in this situation and think about how they would feel if it was them being scared out of their homes. Then I think they would have more understanding as to how this man felt after being scared out of his home for a mistake he made in the past.

DEE-ANNE STERN
Granite City

Keep waste out of the Mississippi

TO THE EDITOR:
On Sept. 29, 1996, in the Granite City Journal, there was an editorial called "Industry, EPA defends records."

I don't think that the area industries should be dumping toxins in the Mississippi River. It could kill the animals in the river. Some animals could become extinct. People couldn't eat anything from the river. It would also detract from water quality.

Toxins are diluted into water and sink to the bottom of the river. There's a chance that it could have an impact on aquatic life. Different companies have different ways of dealing with their waste. If you judge a person, you should judge them by their personalities, not anything that they may have different about them. Each person has different qualities, and no two people are exactly alike.

I don't think there should be any waste dispersers. When the truth comes out, I don't even think there should be waste. I believe the way of dealing with waste can change. We have already started recycling. The companies should recycle the waste that they're going to put into the river.

TREVOR WILLIAMS

Government should work to end racism

TO THE EDITOR:
I agree with the article that was written on Sept. 22, entitled "Racist government" because the government should not let it go on any longer.

People are being killed and crosses are being burned because some people think they are better than races that aren't like theirs.

As I said, the Ku Klux Klan and other people think they are better than races that aren't like theirs, so they think they have the right to shoot burning fireballs into houses and burn them down when people are in them.

Well, they don't have that right at all. They are also burning crosses with people on them. They are terrorizing people by parading outside houses of blacks and mixed race couples saying "White Power" and other harsh things.

They are threatening families saying they will beat them or even kill them. They are also beating up people that are from mixed races and after beating them, they leave them to die. They also beat their families. They are stealing different races' valuables by robbing their houses and stealing their cars. I don't agree with any of this and I am glad the article was written.

STEPHANIE MATYAS
Granite City

Candidate pledges to serve ward

TO THE EDITOR:
Allow me to introduce myself to you and tell you why I'm writing this letter.

My name is Larry Blackwell. I'm 52 years old. I have been married to my wife for 30 years. We have lived in the 5th Ward for 30 years where we have raised three daughters.

I have been a member of Bethel Chapel for 35 years. I am a veteran of the United States Army and currently served with the Granite City Auxiliary Police for five years. I work at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft and am a graduate of Granite City High School. I am very concerned for the future of our ward and our city. For starters, in the 5th Ward my concern has been for the streets, alleys and sewers. In general, the overall condition and appearance.

I have a dear concern for our industrial, commercial and retail businesses and the future job market for our youth.

I have a vested interest in our community and ask you to give me the opportunity to serve this ward as alderman.

For these concerns and the people of the 5th Ward, I pledge to work hard.

LARRY BLACKWELL
Granite City

Holbrook grateful for support

TO THE EDITOR:
I want to thank the people of St. Clair County and Madison County in District 113 for exercising their right to vote, and I want to voice a special thanks to all of my supporters.

I am very glad to see that a campaign based on the issues can still bring voters to the polls. I am proud that the race between Paul Whelan and myself was a clean and open campaign. I never resorted to any negative advertising or even a single personal attack.

In the heat of the campaign your questions, concerns and comments. Your input is always appreciated.

For my part, I promise to continue to make our voices heard in Springfield.

THOMAS HOLBROOK
State Representative
District 113

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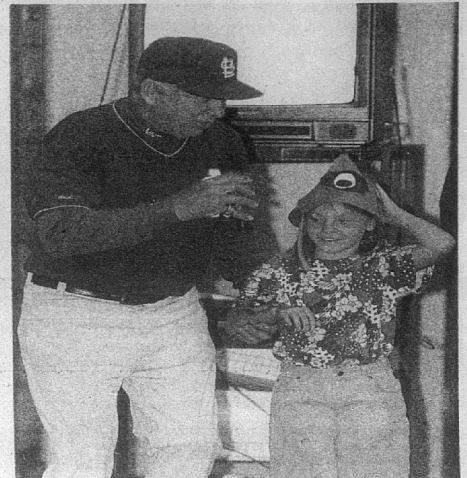
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It's Fredbird — Joe Cunningham and Fredbird of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team waded out into the crowd of Prather students during an anti-drug presentation in the school's gymnasium.



Joe Cunningham asks Sara Sikorski, a Prather fourth-grader, the three keys to success the Cardinals espouse for kids. The three points are stay in school, participate in sports and say, "no," to drugs.



Joe Cunningham signs autographs for Prather students while sixth-grade teacher Krista Whittleman, immediately to Cunningham's right, watches.



Fredbird dances with Prather third-grade teacher Susie Lentz.



Ashley Schultz and Donita Bailey, both Prather School third-graders, watch Fredbird and Cunningham. The students made construction-paper Cardinal hats for the show.



Student teacher Cindy Gregory, left, wears one of the hats the students made for the program.



Third-graders Jessica Stufflebean and Tandi Kelly watch the show.

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LOCAL NEWS

Shimkus wins appointment

In his first days in Washington, U.S. Rep.-elect John Shimkus has been appointed to the House select Commerce Committee.

Shimkus, R-Collinsville, said the committee had been his top choice.

"I was very pleased," he said. "I did do the lobbying I had to do to let them know I was interested."

Shimkus, who has yet to tender his resignation as Madison

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— John Shimkus

County treasurer, said he will use his position on the Commerce Committee to further his goals and campaign promises.

"My goals will be to ensure that bureaucratic requirements, if necessary, are applied in a way that doesn't hurt and cause lack of jobs, and also, expanding trade options in my district."

Shimkus defeated State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, by less than 1 percent of the vote for the District 20 seat vacated

by U.S. Sen.-elect Richard Durbin.

Shimkus has opened an office in Washington, D.C., but is still looking for offices in Springfield and in the Collinsville area.

Shimkus has chosen former Godfrey resident Craig Roberts as his chief of staff. Roberts ran Shimkus' failed 1992 campaign for Congress and had been an assistant to Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan.

— From The Telegraph

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase For Venice Park District

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Venice Park District for 1996 will be held on December 12, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Venice Park Administration Building, 323 Broadway, Venice, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Charlyn Woods, Secretary, Venice Park District, 323 Broadway, Venice, Illinois; 451-7201.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 1995 were \$38,204.50.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 1996 are \$48,650.00. This represents a twenty-seven percent (27%) increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 1995 were \$0.00. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 1996 are \$0.00.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 1995 were \$38,204.50.

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Christmas concert is tonight

The Vocal Music Department at Granite City High School will present its annual Christmas Concert on at 7:30 p.m. today, Dec. 5, in the high school auditorium.

Classical, traditional, and popular music of the season will be performed by the Advanced Mixed Chorus, Swing Choir, Contando, and Girls Glee Club, and the Boys Glee Club.

Some of the songs of the evening are Joy to the World, Carol of the Bells, Angels We Have Heard on High, The First Noel, Oh Come All Ye Faithful, Christ Is Born, Bring Nona Pipes and Bring Your Drum, Star of Bethlehem, Ding-Dong, Merry on the Way, May You Always, Hello Mr. Santa, Up on the Housetop, On the Santa Claus Express, Frosty the Snowman, Top Fat to Be Santa, Mrs. Santa, Santa Baby, Rudolph, I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, We Are Santa's Elves, Be a Santa, Giving, Christmas is a Feeling in Your Heart, The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas, Silver and Gold, Let It Snow, Marshmallow World, Go on a Sleighride, Christmas Chopssticks, Ring out the Jingle Bells, and Home for the Holidays.

Featured performers for the evening are Kristy Ball, Shannon Bishop, Elizabeth Schillman, Tasha Torres, Phyllis Dring, Noma Jordan, Angela Bridgett, James Know, Tamara Weston, Sarah Parker, Tiffany Cluck, Candis White, Kristen Lance, Amanda Werths, Rebecca Ellsworth, Amy Newman, Stephanie Smith, Emily Garofoli, Ashley Borchers, Eugenia Isreal, Renee David, David Pritchett, James Hancock, Amanda Colwell, Ricky Woodward, and Amanda Derose.

Tickets can be purchased from Vocal Music Students or at the door for \$1 each. Everyone is invited.

Police

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grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety.

The next phase of the STEP program will take effect Feb. 9 through Feb. 22.

— From The Telegraph

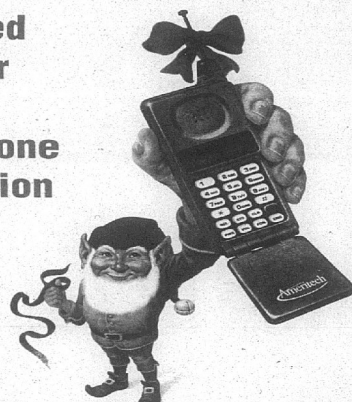
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SATURDAY: LATE MORNING

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT		DECEMBER 7, 1996											
		1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
BROADCAST STATIONS													
KTVI	(5)	Lasarus	"A Little Place of Heaven" (1991) Kirk Cameron,	Night Stand (in Stereo)	Fire Rescue	Haven (PT)	WARS	Catholic Mass					
KSLD	(5)	Emerald Beach Patrol	"High Tide Tr." Foghorn	News	News A.M.	Destinat	Paid Prog.	News/MS	St. Louis				
KSNR	(5)	KSNR	Comey Shoshone	News	News	Business	News/MS						
KNLG	(5)	Gospel	Saturday Night Sing [2:Music in Stereo]	Worship	Living								
KDHL	(5)	"Rocky 1" (in Stereo)	Man in Movies (in Stereo)	M*A*S*H (16)	Beverly Hills	90210 (16)	Chad	Dinosaurs	Dinosaurs				
KPTD	(5)	Charlie Rose (in Concert)	Man from U.N.C.L.E.	U.N.C.L.E.	Man from U.N.C.L.E.	Travels	Adventure	Hidden	Hidden				
KETC	(5)	Beyrath (in Stereo)	Highlander: The Series	WKRP	Harry	Wendy	Agenda	Key-Word	Townsquare				
CABLE STATIONS													
CNN	(5)	Scoreboard Central (PT)	Scoreboard Central (PT)	Scoreboard Central (PT)	Scoreboard Central (PT)	Scoreboard Central (PT)	Scoreboard Central (PT)	Scoreboard Central (PT)	Scoreboard Central (PT)				
CBS	(5)	Larry King Weekend (in Stereo)	Business	Managing	Computer	Diplomatic	Sports	Showbiz	Sport Life	Monday	Daybreak	Fluoride	
NBC	(5)	News	News	News	News	News	News	Rhoda (16)	M. Wizard	Clips	Archie	Fluoride	
TNT	(5)	"(102) Ring of Steel"	11.11. "Death Ride" (1992) Adventure Mike Horns	Kung Fu							GoGoGo	Fluoride	
USA	(5)	"Dinosaur Valley Girls"	"Cave Girls" (1988, Comedy) Daniel Roebuck	Facts-Life	Sci	Supern	Mighty Max	Dragon					
ESPN	(5)	Sportscenter (PT)	NBA	College Basketball: Indiana vs. Kentucky (PT)	Outdoors	Choi	Sportscenter (PT)	SM World	Paid Prog.				
DISN	(5)	ESPN Facts (PT)	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
TBS	(11)	"Walking Talk"	** "Pat 2" Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
TWC	(16)	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
WGHN	(12)	High Stand (in Stereo)	Outdoor	Tome	Fame	Fame "A Friend in Need"	Dr. Cool	Key-Word	Oral R.	Duffy Duck	Local	Local	Local
WHSN	(14)	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
AMC	(28)	"Force of Arms"	** "S. Proudly We Hear" (1943, Drama) Claudette Colbert	WERN	** "Blossamer's B" (1965)	"Fountain"							
TNN	(35)	Jeff Gordon Live (Off Air)	Dreamtime (in Stereo)										
MTV	(5)	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix	Remix
DISN	(20)	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
HN	(3)	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
FAM	(26)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ASR	(3)	Las Vegas: Rose-Cardi	Everlasting With Mel Torme	** "One of Our Ancients is Missing" (1942)	Biography for Kids	"Angel and the Badman"	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
HST	(9)	** "Lincoln" (1988, Drama) Sam Waterston	Vict. at Sea	Buttle Line	Line	Perspectiv	"The Day of the Last Trib" (1992, Drama)						
PREMIUM STATIONS													
DISN	14	"MR. Show	** "Stranger by Night" (1994) Tr. N	** "Night and the City" (1992) Robert De Niro	T. Belle and the Glory Boys	Storyboard							
DISN	20	"National Land"	** "Cyber-Tracker 2" (1995, Science Fiction) Tr. N	** "Max in America" (1995) Pat	Chris Cross	Chris Cross							
DISN	16	"20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"	** "Fate's Dragon" (1997, Fantasy) Mickey Rooney	Y. C.	Mickey	Wardles (16)	J. C. Brown						

SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 2, 1996

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 8, 1991

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1993													
		1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
BROADCAST STATIONS													
KTMV (3)	NFL Football: St. Louis Rams at Chicago Bears. (H)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Panthers at Atlanta Braves at Capitals.	"Home Alone"										
KPDV (4)	Paul Proctor. Fight Figure: Sergeant Gribble: Celebration of Life. (H) (H)	Games	CSI: News	60 Minutes (H) Stereo									
KNCN	Christmas Presents. NFL Football: New York Jets at New England Patriots.	Games	CSI: News	Deadline (H) Stereo									
KNDL (6)	Here's Help [Post-Script]. Christmas Presents. Family Therapy.	ABC News	Old-School	The Simpsons									
KETC (3)	College Baseball: Regional Coverage.	PGA Golf: CJ's Penny Challenge - Final Round. (Live) (H)	ABC News	Videos									
KETC (3)	Monkeys [Book of Virtues]. The Adventurers From the Book of Virtues.	Book of Virtues	Genesis: A Conversation	Three Sorcerers									
KETC (3)	Monkeys [Book of Virtues]. The Adventurers From the Book of Virtues.	Book of Virtues	Genesis: A Conversation	Brotherly									
CABLE STATIONS													
SC 57	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central
NC 67	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth	Earth
GO 67	You Do It Crazy Kids	Dope Temple	G.U.T.S.	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel
UNT 62	(12:00) "The Money Pit" *	11:55 "Overboard" (1987) Comedy/Golden Hour, Russi	11:55 "Baby Boom" (1987) Comedy/Dane Kouton, Sam Shephard										
TSA 62	(12:00) "The Ladyfinger" (1985) *	"Black Rain" (1989) Drama/Michael Douglas, (H) Stereo	"An Unexpected Party" (1990) Comedy/John Wood, World Cup Skating										
DISC 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14	Disc 14
TB 3	"Rescuers" Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol	Flintstones Christmas Carol
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WHIS 10	At Home	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays	Electric Holidays
ATV 28	"Portrait in Black" (1969) Lana Turner. (H)	"Let's Make Love" (1960) Marilyn Monroe	"All That Heaven Allows" (1955) Attraction										
MTM 28	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]	Real World [Real World]
MTM 28	"Babyface" (1989) Comedy/Rick Laka.	"David's Mother" (1994) Drama/Kurtie Alley	"Flashdance" (1983) Musical/Jennifer Beals										
HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30	HF 30
ACE 31	Reasonable Doubt (H)	Biography This Week (H)	Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]	(H) Am. Justice [Am. Justice]
ACE 31	Sightings (H) Stereo	"Aligator" (1980) Horror/Robert Foster	"Rep Man" (1984) Comedy/Emilio Estevez										
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PREMIUM STATIONS													
HBO 14	Diaries	"Only the Lonely" (1991) PG-13	"Chuchus" (1993) Africa's Viruses. PG-13	"Necessary Roughness" (H) Sport/Bakuha									
DISN 15	(12:30) "Short Circuit 2" (1988)	"The Christmas That Almost Wasn't" *	"Johnny Dangers" (1984)	"The Run Home for Christmas" (1994) PG									
DISN 15	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney	Disney
SHOW 16	Ocean Girl [SpellBinder] [MMC] (H) (H)	"The Rocker" (1991) 88 Campbell, PG	Amusing [Amusing]	Ernest-Zums									

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI (1)	"Home Alone 2"		X-Files "Pusher" (R)		Two "Two" (In Anger) (R)		News (R)		Access Hollywood (R)		Entertainment Tonight	
KABC (5)	Knots Landing (Steno)		Knots Landing (Steno)		Knots Landing (Steno)		Knots Landing (Steno)		Knots Landing (Steno)		Knots Landing (Steno)	
KNSD (5)	Rock	Boston	** "Greedy" (1994, Comedy) Michael J. Fox		News (R)		Sports Plus		Ripley		The Series (R)	
KBLD (6)	Kenneth Copeland		Worship "Life/Word" (Kong) I. Ch. (R)		News (R)		Crella A. Dollar Jr.		Spirit		Forum	
KTLN (6)	Kenneth Copeland		Worship "Life/Word" (Kong) I. Ch. (R)		News (R)		Crella A. Dollar Jr.		Spirit		Forum	
KPTV (1)	(6:00) Three Sorpases		Carnes, Domingos, D'Amico With Leland T. True		News (R)		Crella A. Dollar Jr.		Spirit		Forum	
KPRC (11)	Paranormal		Unhappy With Roger		Baywatch Nights (R)		*** The Crow "1984, Fantasy) Brandon Lee		Paranormal		Travel	
CABLE STATIONS												
CH	Prime News Sport Sun.		Scoreboard Central		Scoreboard Central		Scoreboard Central		Scoreboard Central (R)		Scoreboard Central (R)	
CNN	Prime News Sport Sun.		CNN Presents		World Today		Sports		NBA WK		Sports	
NICK	Chickadee		Nick News		Dumb & Dumber		Van Dyke		Newhart		Sports	
USA	Pacific Blue (Steno)		Silly Skankings (In Stereo)		Big Easy "Snake Dance"		Silly Skankings (In Stereo)		Big Easy "Snake Dance"		Silly Skankings (In Stereo)	
ESPN	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings vs Detroit Lions (Live)		NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings vs Detroit Lions (Live)		NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings vs Detroit Lions (Live)		NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings vs Detroit Lions (Live)		NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings vs Detroit Lions (Live)		NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings vs Detroit Lions (Live)	
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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI (1)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
KMOV (2)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
KNCN (3)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
KSDK (4)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
KNLN (5)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
KETC (6)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
KPLR (7)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
CABLE STATIONS												
SC (1)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
CNN (2)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
NICK (3)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
TNT (4)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
USA (5)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
ESPN (6)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
DISC (7)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
TBS (8)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
WGN (9)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
WHSN (10)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
AMC (11)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
TNN (12)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
MTV (13)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
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HN (15)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
FAM (16)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
A&E (17)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
SCIFI (18)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
HIST (19)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
PREMIUM STATIONS												
HBO (1)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
SHOW (2)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
TMC (3)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25
DISN (4)	11:30	11:35	11:40	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:20	12:25

WEEKDAY MORNING												
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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI (1)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
KMOV (2)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
KNCN (3)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
KSDK (4)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
KNLN (5)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
KETC (6)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
KPLR (7)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
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SC (1)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
CNN (2)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
NICK (3)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
TNT (4)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
USA (5)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
ESPN (6)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
DISC (7)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
TBS (8)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
WGN (9)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
WHSN (10)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
AMC (11)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
TNN (12)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
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A&E (17)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
SCIFI (18)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
HIST (19)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
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DISN (4)	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON												
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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI (1)	Anchor Man	Spider-Man	Brettenberg	Rangers	Real! O'Donnell	Hard Copy	Real TV	News	News	News	Entertain	
KMOV (2)	As the World Burns	Days of Our Lives	Guiding Light	Rescue 111	Stacy	Young and the Restless	News	CBS News	CBS News	News	Am.Journal	
KNCN (3)	Bob	Days of Our Lives	Guiding Light	Jeopardy!	Stacy	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	News	News	Fortune	
KSDK (4)	Bob	Days of Our Lives	Guiding Light	Jeopardy!	Stacy	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	News	News	Fortune	
KNLN (5)	Home Life	[Z Music]	Varied	Darling	Panther	Yogi	Garrison	Flintstones	Bruno-Ci	URLH House	Larry Rice	
KETC (6)	One Life to Live	General Hospital	General Hospital	Ricki Lake	Real! Ricki	Fresh F.	Home Insp.	Home Insp.	ABC News	Home Insp.	Glimpses	
KPLR (7)	Jeany Jones	Jeany Jones	Jeany Jones	Sandiego	Samurai	Crutcher	Adman	Gargoyles	Doc Pack	Fall House	Mr. Cooper	
KPLR (7)	Jeany Jones	Jeany Jones	Jeany Jones	Sandiego	Samurai	Crutcher	Adman	Gargoyles	Doc Pack	Fall House	Mr. Cooper	
CABLE STATIONS												
SC (1)	Movie Wheel	Strat Signs	Market Warp	Politics	Early Prime	Time Tube	News	News	News	News	News	
CNN (2)	Money	Strat Signs	Market Warp	Politics	Early Prime	Time Tube	News	News	News	News	News	
NICK (3)	Timony Toot	Chiknknkn	NackAder	Varied Program	Cartoon	Yow Abroad!	Showbiz	Charlie's	Timony Toot	Timony Toot	Moniey	Crossfire
TNT (4)	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Movie	Varied	Top Gadget	Top Gadget	News	News	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	
USA (5)	USA Live-Local	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	Wanted	Top Cars	Wings	Wings	Renegade	Highlander: The Series	Highlander: The Series	
ESPN (6)	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	
DISC (7)	24	Housemaster!	Interior	Varied	Cutline	Varied	Travelers	Travelers	Up Close	Sportscenter	Up Close	
TBS (8)	13	Movie Drive!	Flintstones	Scobby	Tax-Mania	JonQuest	Saved-Bel	Saved-Bel	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Videos	Videos
TWGL (9)	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
WGN (10)	13	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast
WHSN (11)	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
AMC (12)	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied
TNN (13)	5	VideoPM	America's Country Inns	Movie Videos	Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon	Wildhorse Saloon	Wildhorse Saloon	Cine Dance	Real World	Dukes of Hazzard	
MTV (14)	5	M2	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Cine Dance	Real World	Dukes of Hazzard	
LIFE (15)	30	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	
HN (16)	30	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	
FAM (17)	26	Home & Family Conn	ShopDrop	Shopping	Small Talk	What/It	Small Talk	What/It	C. Burnett	C. Burnett	Equalization	
A&E (18)	30	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	
SCIFI (19)	5	Gallery	Bradbury	Back Rogers	Bionic Woman	Bionic Woman	Six Million Dollar Man	Six Million Dollar Man	Movie	Movie	The Zone	Varied
HIST (20)	6	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Blue and the Gray	Blue and the Gray	Blue and the Gray	Blue and the Gray	High Points	High Points	Varied Programs	
PREMIUM STATIONS												
HBO (1)	14	Movie	Movie	Movie	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	
SHOW (2)	15	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	
TMC (7)	15	Movie	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	

Obituaries

Victoria Boyer

Victoria Lynn Boyer, a seventy-four-year-old resident of Granite City, died at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1996, at her home. She was born Nov. 26, 1926, in Granite City.

Survivors include her parents, Roger and Bridgette (York) Boyer; two brothers, Anthony and Zachary Boyer; a sister, Kayla Boyer; her maternal grandparents, Ron and Toni York of Granite City; her paternal grandmother, Bernadette Boyer of Granite City; paternal grandfather, C. Thomas York of Madison; and great-grandmother, Hazel Gubel.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Godfrey Boyer; and an aunt. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 26th and Washington, Granite City. There will be a wake service at 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements handled by Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

William Pastor

William "Bill" Pastor, 79, of Granite City died at 11:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 1996, at Eden Village Care Center, Glen Carbon. He was born Feb. 6, 1917, in Granite City.

Mr. Pastor was formerly a meat packer for Swift Packing, National Stock Yards. He was a United States Army World War II veteran and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Victoria (Fischer) Pastor; two brothers, John and George Pastor; and a sister, Emma Towse.

Survivors include his wife, Christine (Henneke) Pastor; a daughter, Elizabeth Smith of Troy; a sister, Marlene Renollet of Fairview Heights; and 3 grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to Masses or Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Elzie Luther

Elzie Mae (McKee) Luther, 72, of Chickasha, Okla., formerly of St. Louis, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 1996, in Chickasha, Okla. She was born Nov. 15, 1924, in Eola, Okla.

Mrs. Luther attended public schools in Wynnewood, Okla., moving to Alex, Okla., with her parents at the age of 15. She moved to St. Louis in 1947 and

returned to the Chickasha area in 1967. She had been employed for many years as a nurse aide, working in several of the area nursing homes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Luther whom she married June 9, 1943, in Chickasha, Okla.; her parents, James A. and Liddie M. (McKee) McKee; a son, Willard Clyde Luther; four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include six daughters, Kay Francis Hildbrand of Granite City, Winnie Mae Necker of Houston, Mary Ann Davis of Greenfield, Ind., Linda Joyce Brewer, Liddie Ethelne Cope, and Rita Lynn McCortley, all of Chickasha, Okla.; two sons, Buford Orvil Luther of Chickasha, Okla., and William Delbert Luther of Marianna, Fla.; three brothers, Clyde McKee and Henry McKee both of Alex, Okla., and Leonard McKee of Chickasha, Okla.; one sister, Winnie Elsie of Chickasha; 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Assembly of God Church, Alex, Okla., with Sister Alice Wendling officiating. Burial was in Alex Cemetery, Alex, Okla.

Memorials suggested to either the family or the Easter Seal Society.

Arrangements handled by Ferguson Funeral Home, 804 Utah, Chickasha, Okla., 73023.

Lizzie Johnson

Lizzie L. Johnson, 94, of Eagle Park died Monday, Dec. 2, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was a native of Durant, Miss.

Survivors include a daughter, Carrie Mathins of Eagle Park; one sister, Elvia Dobkins of Madison; and one brother, the Rev. Commodore McClinton East St. Louis.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 5, at Canaan Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 307 Allen St., Eagle Park. Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Sunset Garden Cemetery, St. Louis.

Caldonia Ward

Caldonia Ward, 93, of East St. Louis died Saturday, Nov. 30, 1996, in Belleville.

Survivors include three granddaughters, Veronica, Burt Diane and Phyllis Lucas all of St. Paul, Minn.; four grandsons, Dwayne, Charles, and Timothy Burch of St. Paul, Minn.; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Offutt Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis. Burial was in Valhalla Cemetery, St. Louis.

Ada Brown

Ada Delira Brown, 59, of Madison died at 10:13 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1996, at her residence. She was a native of Madison.

Survivors include her son, Dezon Echols of Madison; three sisters, Mary, Florida Brown, and Winifred West all of Madison; and one brother, Lionel Brown of Madison.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Madison, with the Rev. Owens officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Offutt Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis.

Melvin Lane

Melvin Lane, 66, of Edwardsville, formerly of Essex, Mo., died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

He was born Aug. 12, 1930, in Essex, Mo. Mr. Lane owned and operated Lane M & H Trucking Co. in Granite City. He was a member of Hopewell General Baptist Church in rural Essex, Mo., Masonic Lodge 153, Bloomfield, Mo., and the Eastern Star, Dexter, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Cannon) Lane, whom he married Feb. 3, 1951, in Piggett, Ark.; three daughters, Katherine L. Huey of Las Vegas, N.Y., Vicky Pounds and Patty Blankenship, both of Dexter, Mo.; one brother, Delmar Lane of Dexter, Mo.; three sisters, Leulah Brown of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Leola Dickerson and Mildred Renfro, both of Dexter, Mo.; and two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Ida Mae (Cole) Lane; one brother, Walter Lane; and one sister, Harrietta Neighbors.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 30, at Rainey Funeral Home, 1001 S. Main St., St. Louis, with the Rev. W. H. Worth officiating. Burial was in Essex Cemetery.

Stanley Pestka

Stanley F. "Stan" Pestka, 69, of Lebanon, formerly of Belleville, died at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1996, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Dec. 7, 1926, in Fairmont City, Mo.

Mr. Pestka, a World War II Army veteran, was the European Theatre, retired as a general foreman from Consolidated Aluminum Co. in Madison where he worked for 31 years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Lebanon, Mo., and the Aluminum Co., Dow Chemical Co., and Phelps Dodge Chemical Co.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, Nicholas and Emma (Villier) Pestka; and a sister, Nancy Pestka.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Marie (Meserang) Pestka; two daughters, Anne F. Stewart of Gaines, Mich., and Jeanne Lackmiller of Belleville; two brothers, Lawrence Pestka of Fairview Heights, and David L. Pestka of New Baden; three sisters, Dorothy Plaquard of Nashville and Agnes Sykes; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 5, at Kasky Mortuary, 9900 St. Clair Ave., Fairview Heights. A vigil wake service will be held at 6 p.m. by Monsignor Urban Kuhl. Funeral procession to leave Kasky Mortuary at 10:15 a.m. Friday going to St. Joseph's Church in Lebanon for a 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial with the Rev. Father Robert Iko and Mgr. Urban Kuhl officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Memorials suggested to Barnes Jewish Hospital Cancer Research, 216 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis, Mo., 63110.

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An Illinois law requires real estate professionals to take continuing education courses in order to renew their real estate licenses. The Real Estate Education Co. offers the mandatory coursework to fulfill this requirement.

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For more information or for a free brochure, contact the school at 1 (800) 878-9210.

Products being tested for recycling possibility

What do shipping pallets, fence posts, highway guard rails, drainage tiles and fuel for cement kilns have in common?

All these products are being tested as possible uses for recycled plastic pesticide containers collected this year during a recycling program coordinated by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Illinois farmers have really responded to the opportunity to participate in the recycling program, said Agriculture Director Becky Doyle. "Since statewide collections began in 1993, the number of containers collected has increased nearly fourfold, including a 10,000-container increase this year."

Recycled plastic pesticide containers are being used to realize the recycling program provides an environmentally friendly way to dispose of used pesticide containers.

Woman

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was drunk most of the time and she thought he planned to kill her.

She took officers to a small couch in a bedroom where she said she had stayed. She said the suspect cut the cord to her telephone and kicked in the bedroom door when she tried to lock him out.

She also said the suspect stole two bracelets from her, valued at \$400, and her mother's wedding ring, worth \$200, and pawned them.

The woman managed to call police Tuesday with a telephone she had hidden elsewhere in the apartment, she told police.

City

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He said the difference can result in as much as an additional 30 percent on the tax bill of a resident who annexes into the city.

But Tarpo said the city can't afford to reduce the amount it charges for providing services. "I just don't feel that our services provided can be discounted," Tarpo said. "We provide good police, fire and street services for the tax dollars we are paid."

Instead of offering property tax relief to those who annex into the city, city officials will lobby county board members to try to convince them to redraw township boundaries, making the city and township co-terminous once again.

County boards are authorized by state law to take that action. But it rarely happens.

County Board member Pat Polley, who is also Chouteau Township Supervisor, said she would be opposed to redrawing township boundaries, which would have the effect of taking assessed valuation from the township and giving it to the city.

"It definitely would not fly with me," Polley said. "And I'm sure there's a number of other township supervisors on the board who would be opposed as well."

About 173,500 agricultural containers were collected at 78 single-day sites in 1996. Another 51,700 were collected at four permanent sites, three of which were added this year.

At the collection sites, properly rinsed containers are inspected, ground into granules and shipped to contractors of the Agriculture Container Recycling Council. ACRC purchases the plastic for research into new uses for recycled agricultural containers.

Following is a chart listing the number of containers collected at each site. A collection schedule for the 1997 recycling program will be released next spring.

Madison County
Bergmann-Taylor, July 16 — 2,602
Madison Service Co., July 16 — 2,657
Bergmann-Taylor, Sept. 13 — 2,751

Funeral summary

COURTNEY, Marion F., 41, of Bunker Hill died at 8:27 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 1996, at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Services were Monday, Dec. 2, at St. Elizabeth's Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Burial was in Bunker Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

STEWART, Phyllis M. (Courtney), 54, of Granite City died at 8:50 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 1996, at her residence.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Bethesda Baptist Church, 3035 Nameoki Drive, Granite City, with the Rev. Luther Abbot officiating.

Memorials suggested to Family Hospice of Belleville Area, 11 Park Place, Swansea, Ill.

Cremation was handled by St. Louis Cremation, 6305 San Bonifacio, St. Louis, Mo.

RYAN, Barbara Jo, 35, of Bethalto, died at 12:33 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, 1996, at her residence.

Memorial service to be held at a later date. The body was cremated. Burial of ashes was in St. John's Cemetery.

Arrangements handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

BORROR, Daniel "Danny", 39, of Chatsworth, Ga., formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1996, in Chatsworth, Ga., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Services were Friday, Nov. 29, at New Zion Hill Baptist Church, Chatsworth, Ga., with the Revs. Wayne Cofford, Vernon Hawkins and Marvin Brock officiating. Burial was

in New Zion Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements handled by Pontoon Funeral Home, 601 N. Hamilton, Chatsworth, Ga.

MARTIN, Stanley R., 71, of Carlinville, formerly of Madison, died at 11:40 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, at his residence.

Services were Friday, Nov. 29, at Davis-Anderson Funeral Home in Carlinville. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials suggested to Blackburn Cemetery, COIN, Florence, Mo., 86, of Granite City died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City.

Graveside services were Friday, Nov. 29, at the National Cemeteries National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Arrangements handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

FORTNER, Dale W., 70, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 30, at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to either American Cancer Society or Hospice of Madison County.

JARRETT, Charles P. Sr., 57, of Granite City, died at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, 1996, at his residence.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Merced Chapel, 1416 N. Ringhaus, Granite City, with the Rev. David Tyler officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

ARRINGTON, Cecil C., 78, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 5:09 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, 1996, at Christian

Northeast Hospital, St. Louis.

Services were Monday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2160 Delmar, Granite City, with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials suggested to either First Presbyterian Church Organ Fund or Elevator fund.

Arrangements handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

SCHUBERT, Edw. W., 79, of Glen Carbon, died at 6:32 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, 1996, at Eden Village Care Center, Glen Carbon.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Jerry Galen officiating. Burial was in New Bethlehem Cemetery, St. Louis.

MEYER, June Gerrard, 77, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1996, at her residence.

Services were Monday, Dec. 2, at the Wood Chapel of the Lines Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho, with the Rev. Boyd Hammond officiating. Burial was in Taylor Cemetery.

RIFFE, Rosalie, 65, of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Madison, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 1996.

Services were Sunday, Dec. 2, at Green Acres Chapel of Light, 401 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Arrangements handled by Green Acres Mortuary, Scottsdale, Ariz.

LUPARDUS, Alysia Ann, 9, of Grand Forks, N.D., formerly of Granite City, died at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, 1996, in Grand Forks. She had been diagnosed with leukemia nine months ago.

Services were Monday, Dec. 2, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Memorials suggested to the family.

COX, Richard E., 68, of Alton, formerly of Granite City, died at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, 1996, at his residence.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Thomas Memorial Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. St. John Cemetery, 2201 Nameoki Road, Granite City.

Memorials suggested to Hospice of Madison County.

MARSHALL, Florence (Hanson), 87, of Maryville, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Maryville.

Services were Friday, Nov. 29, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Brian Caughlan officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Edwardsville.

FORTNER, Dale W., 70, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 30, at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to either American Cancer Society or Hospice of Madison County.

LOGAN, Ruby J. (Rippy), 79, of Granite City died at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

Services were Friday, Nov. 29, at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. James Hahn officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

BARAN, Helen, 73, of Janesville, Wis., formerly of Granite City, died at 6:35 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1996, at Mercy Hospice, Janesville, Wis.

Services were Monday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th and Alton, Madison, with the Rev. Jim Koefner officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to National Kidney Foundation.

ARRINGTON, Cecil C. (Zelsman), 78, of Springfield, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, at Colonial Care Center in Collinsville.

No visitation or services were held. Burial was at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Services are suggested to American Cancer Society.

Arrangements handled by Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Tax

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ing for up to 25,000 could possibly be added. Officials plan to expand seating capacity to about 100,000 by the turn of the century.

Gateway will host IndyCar's PPG Cup Series May 22-24; the National Hot Rod Association's Winston Drag Racing Series Craftsman Nationals June 28-29; and NASCAR's Busch Grand Nationals July 24-26.

Assuming that all three national events sell out next year, the entertainment tax alone would generate between \$40,000 and \$63,000 for the city in 1997.

In two years, the same three events could generate up to \$300,000 in tax revenue for the city.

But Wolter has higher expectations. "Initially we didn't expect to get a full (NASCAR) Winston Cup race until 2000. But now we hope to get it in 1998," Wolter said. "You're not going to believe the results here down the road."

The Grand Prix Association announced Monday that its Memphis Motorsports Park has been awarded ARCA Super Car and USAC Silver Crown racing series events slated for the second week in September 1997. The company is beginning a \$2.5 million renovation of the 25,000-seat Memphis-area facility.

Wolter said the proximity of the two tracks will not hurt attendance at either. In fact, the two will be marketed together, promoted as "Thunder on the River."

There has also been talk of a professional-calibre golf course development in Madison. Such a development could also attract nationally-sanctioned events that are subject to the new entertainment tax.

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Organization

Garden Study Club meets Nov. 6 at House of Plenty

The Garden Study Club held its monthly meeting Nov. 6 at the House of Plenty Restaurant in Highland. The meeting was called to order by Helen Mihu, president. Mildred Boyd, secretary, read the minutes from the previous meeting and Ruth Polson, treasurer, read her report; both were approved.

Members present were Delores Gasso, Katie Kostoff, Dusty Peterson, Paula Gonterman, Carol Smith, Rose Piech-

ocenski, Mildred Boyd and Helen Mihu. All members responded by naming their favorite winter flower.

Ruth Polson gave a report on the District 5 meeting at Madora. She reported that Dusty Peterson had won seven first place, four second place, and one third place ribbon; and Helen Mihu won two third place ribbons on their entries.

Mihu thanked all who had helped with the October/Fest. A committee of Paul Gonterman, Carol Smith, Delores

Gasso, Mildred Boyd, and Carol Fitzgerald, was selected to make arrangements for the State Garden Club Anniversary luncheon to be held in May.

There was a proposal presented and adopted to have the meetings at 6:30 p.m. for the months of May through September, so that more members could attend. The next meeting will be Dec. 4 and we will have our Christmas party and gift exchange at that time.

Anniversaries

Cable-50 years

Charlie "Bud" and Lou Cable of Granite City celebrated about 70 relatives, friends, and neighbors, at Jerry's Cafeteria on Nov. 9, 1996, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Nov. 6, 1946, in Piggott, Ark. Out of town guests were from Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Illinois.



Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cable

Organization

Navy Mothers celebrated 39 years

Navy Mothers Club #850 met at the Alton Belle Casino for dinner and the cruise to celebrate the 39th birthday of the Navy Mothers Club.

The winner of the evening was Marian Lipscomb. A short meeting was held later in the evening. A motion was made by Marian Lipscomb and seconded by Mary Korcosog that a Christmas check be sent to the sons of Navy Mothers who are in service now in the Navy or Marines. The motion was carried.

Sick Committee chairwoman, Marian Lipscomb reported that Nina George's mother is in the hospital in Greenville.

Mary Korcosog and Clara Layton attended the Veterans' Day Services held at the Memorial Park on Nov. 10, 1996.

Navy Mother's Christmas party will be held at Ralph and Charlie's Restaurant at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996.

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Young at heart — Theresa and John Danco, Young at Heart members, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the October meeting, held at Holy Family Catholic Church Community Center.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dowdy

Dowdy-40 years

Charles and Linda Dowdy of Granite City celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 1, 1996. They were married in 1956 and are the parents of three children. There are five grandchildren.

Legion Auxiliary meets in Venice

Venice-Madison Unit 307, American Legion Auxiliary, held its meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, at Post 307 in Venice. Hostesses were LaVera Johnson and Dorothy Lindner.

Nineteen were present. Dorothy Hinson, president, conducted the business meeting. All officers were present.

Dolores Weis, Americanism chairman, urged all to go vote on Tuesday, Nov. 21, and fly their American Flag on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Donation to the bylaws and to the standing rules. The standing rules were adopted and the bylaw changes will be voted on at the Christmas Party.

Mary Hellingner, Auxiliary Emergency Fund chairman, collected \$4.85 for this fund. Children and youth donations were made to the Department Fund and to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Norma Hillmer, Community Service chairman, announced the bingo at the Portland Haven on Nov. 14 and Colonados on Nov. 21.

Norma Hillmer, bylaws chairman, read the revisions to the bylaws and to the standing rules. The standing rules were adopted and the bylaw changes will be voted on at the Christmas Party.

Wallace Wallace, education chairman, reported the applications have been received and will be looking for applicants. A donation was made to the Department Fund.

Bette Nugent, National Security Chairman, will take items to the McDonnell U.S.O. sometime this month for their snack bar. A donation was made to the fund at Department for all Illinois USO's and the St. Louis facility.

Frances Crowley, Past President, announced they will be the hostesses for the Christmas Party on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. In lieu of an exchange gift, a \$2 donation from each attending will be donated to the Fifth Division President's project at The Haven. A donation was made to the P.P.F. Nurses Scholarship Fund in Department.

Dorothy Hinson, Associate Hospital Representative at the John Cochran V.A., announced volunteers are needed for Christmas tree decorating on Nov. 26, the Christmas Gift Shop on Dec. 24, and gift wrapping on Dec. 17. Let Dorothy Hinson know if you can help any of these days.

A Children's Christmas Party will be held on some Saturday in December for Post 307 and Unit 307 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Notices will be sent to members for this. The Post 307 Color Guard and the Unit 307 Auxiliary will be in charge of this event.

East, head loader, Com

By Steve Po Staff writer

There's more Southwest basketball than will be less Valley Conference another year. It's a matter of addition by something else. Something else.

Anyway, East St. Louis schools with traditions — luster of the East Alton-Roxana are in final season of basketball in Waterloo of the Conference year, so the MVC mood to add interested school compatible but not over.

The MVC enough with Here's one good standing 1. Belleville 2. Alton 3. Edwardsville 4. Lincoln 5. Collinsville 6. Granite City 7. Belleville 8. East St. Louis 9. Alton and B should battle Redbirds and their two conf last season an outlasted Alton the sectional. will square of opener Friday.

The Redbirds league's best Crawford, the went 24-7 and Class AA state last year, have starters and many other team much a coin for.

Just remember never won the championship. shared the league. Granite City is Lancers and E. Be plenty young league foes.

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Sports

East, Alton head pack in loaded SWC Commentary

By Steve Porter
Staff writer

There's more to Southwestern Conference boys basketball this year. And there will be less to Mississippi Valley Conference hoops in another year.

It's a matter of numbers, or addition by subtraction. Something about new math, I suppose.

Anyway, Edwardsville and East St. Louis Lincoln — two schools with storied basketball traditions — will add to the luster of the SWC. East Alton-Wood River and Roxana are spending their final season shooting basketball in the Valley. Waterloo of the Cahokia Conference comes in next year, so the Valley's making a 2-for-1 trade.

The MVC might be in the mood to add another team. Interested schools should be compatible and competitive, but not overwhelming.

The SWC will be tough enough with eight teams. Here's one guy's look at the final standings:

1. Belleville East
 2. Alton
 3. Edwardsville
 4. Lincoln
 5. Collinsville
 6. Granite City
 7. Belleville West
 8. East St. Louis Sr.
- Alton and Belleville East should battle to the wire. The Redbirds and Lancers split their two conference games last season and then East outlasted Alton in overtime at the sectional. The two teams will square off next in an SWC opener Friday night at Alton.

The Redbirds have the league's best player in Marlon Crawford. The Lancers, who went 24-7 and reached the Class AA state quarterfinals last year, have four returning starters and more depth than any other team, so it's pretty much a coin flip.

Just remember, East has never won the conference championship. Alton last shared the league spoils with Granite City in 1985-86. So the Lancers and Redbirds should be plenty hungry to feed on league foes.

Edwardsville could sneak up on Belleville East and Alton and take it all. Lincoln possesses Kimon Green, perhaps the best pivot man in the conference. It's difficult to pick defending champion Collinsville fifth, but the Cahoks' talent is quite thin.

If there's a surprise team, watch out for Granite City. I might be underestimating the Warriors.

As for the Valley, everybody will be chasing one team:

1. Mascoutah
2. Jerseyville
3. Highland
4. Civic Memorial
5. Triad
6. Roxana
7. East Alton-Wood River

If the Indians don't win the conference championship, somebody should start an investigation.

They can showcase Kelly Norwood, the Valley's top gun, and he will be complemented nicely by Ryan Binsbacher and Brian Schneider.

Jersey could have a nice mix of size and long-distance shooting. Highland lost plenty from last year's Class AA super-sectional team, though the Bulldogs have some size.

Civic Memorial has little height. Triad got hit hard by graduation, and Roxana and Wood River are still rebuilding.

The Knights, in particular, should get better as the season wears on. Roxana has a new coach in Ty Margenthaler, son of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville coach Jack Margenthaler. Second-year Wood River coach Joe Parmentier is among the hardest working guys in the business, so the Oilers likely will catch some teams looking the wrong way.

Actually, you can put most of the Valley teams in a bag, shake them around and not find too much of a difference. That should make many of the games competitive and enjoyable.

As for the Class AA state tourney, it'll be hard for any team to dislodge three-time champion Peoria Manual in March. After all, the Rams will be playing in Peoria again.

Warriors ease past Triad in opener



Tim Wallace drives past Triad's Brian Patterson during the Warriors' 63-50 victory over the opener Friday night.

Balanced attack paces GCHS

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Granite City used a balanced scoring attack and owned the boards Tuesday night as it cruised past host Triad 63-50 in the season opener for both teams.

The Warriors (1-0) had four different players score in double figures. Kyle Briggs (16 points), Dustin Brewer (14), Ray Smith (14) and Jeff Hoenig (12).

"Some kids stepped up and some kids we are going to show on the film that they need to work a little harder."

GCHS coach John Van Buskirk said. "That is what the first game is all about. Unfortunately now we start our (Southwestern) conference play. It doesn't get easier from here on."

The victory for the Warriors was a little bit of payback. Triad (0-1) had gotten the better of GCHS for the last couple of seasons.

Granite City 63, Triad 50	
GCHS	19 11 18 19-53
TRIAD	12 10 8 22-50

GRANITE CITY: Briggs 16, Ray Smith 14, Hoenig 12, Brewer 14, Tim Wallace 3, PG-21. SP-14 FT-15-12.

TRIAD: Hoenig 12, Brewer 14, Loomis 4, Carter 15, Brian Patterson 15, PG-18 SP-4 FT-6-17.

"The last two seasons we played Triad they got us, so it is a very important win," Van Buskirk said. "You practice a lot of days to get to this point and you want to be positive when you leave here and that's what we are."

The Warriors took control of the game from the outset and never trailed. The Knights did tie the contest early in the first quarter at 8-8, but never held the lead.

As expected, the first quarter was sloppy. Both teams missed some easy shots from close range. However, it was evident that the Warriors were going to own the boards.

"That's something we haven't done in the past couple of years, and we worked hard at rebounding this season," Van Buskirk said. "We didn't get many offensive rebounds last year, so we really have pushed that idea. It paid off, I think."

Triad coach Rich Mason said the difference in the game was the Warriors' work on the boards.

"We really got hurt on our rebounding," Mason said. (See WARRIORS, Page 28)

Trojans shake jitters, blast Bulldogs 64-27

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

It's a compliment to Madison that the Trojans made typical first-game mistakes Tuesday against the visiting Waterloo boys basketball team.

Madison had 24 turnovers and still dominated the game with a 12-2 start and an eventual 64-27 victory. The Trojans (1-0) outscored inexperienced Waterloo (0-1) by more than a 3-1 margin, particularly on the offensive boards.

That was no small achievement with juniors Steve Overby (6-6), Sam Ross (6-4) and sophomore Rich Bachelor (6-6) patrolling the lane for Waterloo. All three youngsters are thin in stature, however, which subjected them to the inside pounding from Madison heavyweight center Kevin Bradley (6-4, 225).

Bradley grabbed 17 rebounds, including 12 on the defensive end, and scored nine points. Senior forward Tywanley Patten (6-5, 170) came off the bench to lead Madison with 16 points, while adding 14 rebounds. The Trojans had more offensive rebounds than Waterloo's 21 total boards.

"There were possessions when we got off four or five shots at a time, so we really did a great job on the boards," said Madison coach Al Collins. "We would get the rebound, put it back, get the rebound, put it back. We did that a lot. Our shooting percentage wasn't any better than theirs. We just had a lot more shots than they did."

Madison had lost its previous four consecutive season openers. But all were against powerhouse Collinsville, which went on to win 19 or more games each season.

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"I would have preferred opening up against Collinsville with this team," Collins said. "That's not taking anything away from Waterloo, because they are young and they will get better. I just think it says something about our kids to shoot this badly (under 45 percent) and make mistakes and still win by 30-something points."

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Madison's Kevin Bradley (left) had nine points to go along with 17 rebounds in Tuesday's season-opening win.

Hawks stay on surge, outlast GCHS

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

It's not advised these days to play any prep sport against the charmed Hazelwood-Central Hawks.

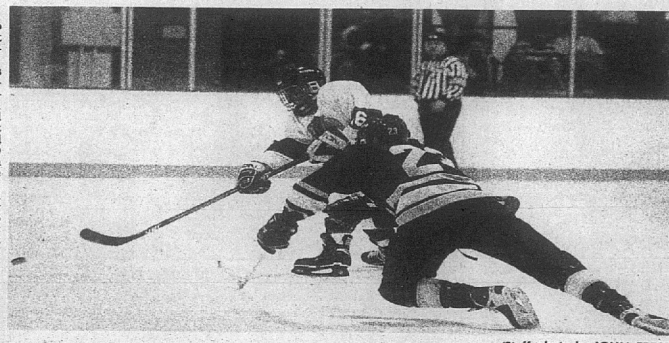
Last Friday night, Central's basketball team got a last-second shot from 6-11 center Patrick Shumacher in an 82-81 opening win over the favored Cahokia Comanches. The next day, the football Hawks rallied from a 20-0 deficit to win 21-20 over Kansas City Oak Park in the Missouri Class 5A state championship game.

On Monday, the Central hockey team crossed the river to Wilson Park for an 8:45 p.m. Mid-States Club Hockey Association game against Granite City. The Warriors were coming off a 12-2 win the week before over Whitfield and their sticks never stopped sweeping the ice. GCHS outshot Hazelwood Central by margins of 12-7 in the third period, 15-13 in the third period and 37-32 for the game.

But need we say who won? Hazelwood Central 3, Granite City 2.

"Going into the locker room after the hockey game, I felt like we did what it took to win," said GCHS assistant coach Mike Scannell. "I don't see where Central had any advantage. We outshot them. We played a very physical game. They just ended up getting the breaks that it took to get the extra goal."

Three different players



Todd McQueen fires a pass as a Hazelwood-Central defender dives at the puck.

scored goals for Central, a top Tier I team that won its first six games of the year through Nov. 29. The Hawks scored one goal each in the first and second periods for a 2-0 lead.

Granite City (4-1-1) finally scored with 10:29 left in the third period. That's when junior center Bob Pritchard fed a blue-line pass to sophomore winger Jon Burns, who slapped in his second goal of the year.

The fast-emerging Burns has a goal in two of the last three games since returning from a knee injury. Pritchard, whom coach Rick Hodge has called the best playmaker on the team, had the primary assist on both GCHS goals.

Pritchard now has a team-high 10 assists and his 13 points rank second only to the 14 by senior center Mikal Gufey (eight goals). But the initial goal he set up wasn't enough to discourage the Hawks.

"They came right back and got another goal and went up 3-1 and that kind of hurt us," Scannell said. "(GCHS goalie) Tony Evans played a nice game for us, but their goalie also was very tough. We had all kinds of quality shots

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Midgets top Devils 54-43

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

Venice basketball coach Clinton Harris is right about Marcus Allen.

Heading into the season, Harris said this 6-foot transfer student from CBC High would become an instant hit among top players in the Metro East. While the Red Devils lost their season opener Tuesday to host Freeburg, 54-43, Allen was a feature attraction in his Venice job at the Midgets' gymnasium.

"Venice is a good club and that new big kid is really special," said Freeburg coach Fred Blumberg. "(Allen) scored 18 points on us and he had four big-time dunks. We had (6-6 junior center) Adam Moddrell guarding him most of the game, but he was tough to stop. He's a player."

A blue-chip college prospect, Allen also had his hands full on defense against Moddrell. Freeburg's only returning starter from his sophomore season, Moddrell won the statistical battle with a game-high 20 points and 10 rebounds and jumpers. Allen, who also can fire from long range and plays forward, guards or center, led Venice to a 22-21 halftime lead.

"It was pretty even between these two," Blumberg said. "I wouldn't say one had the edge over the other. They just really battled. It was a good game."

Venice was supposed to have tipped off the season Nov. 25 at Beaumont. But that game was canceled because of a power outage at the St. Louis school. At press time, a rescheduled date had not been set. Next up for Venice is an 8 p.m. game Friday at Springfield Calvary, which has won two straight regional titles.

With Allen joining 6-6 sophomore Charles Cottoo and senior Don Matthews as new starters for Venice, an opening win at Freeburg would have been much to ask for. Granted, Freeburg also is rebuilding, but the Midgets have returned several players from a team that went 26-5 last year.

Freeburg won the Cahokia Conference, the same regional that Venice competes in, and eventually reached the Sweet 16 round of the state playoffs. Harris could not be reached for comment, but Blumberg said Venice also looks like a regional contender this year.

"We've probably beaten Venice the last three years in a row, but this game was close to even," Blumberg said. "It was kind of a typical first game because both teams were a little sloppy at times. We might have had a little more size, but not by much. The rebounding and the turnovers were about the same. I thought (Venice) shot the 3-pointers very well, which is something we don't do nearly as well as they do."

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Sports shorts

GCIS soccer dinner
The Granite City Soccer Alumni will hold a dinner and dance party Dec. 31 at the Elks Lodge, 4801 Maryville Road. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served 7 p.m. The Legendary Oliver Sain Band will perform beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased by Dec. 18. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available at The Medicine Shoppe, Jim's Cuts and Styles, or by calling 452-7836 or 876-1409.

Boys basketball tournament
The annual KMOX Metro Collegian Boys Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 20-22 and Dec. 27-29. There are divisions for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth-grade teams, with a three-game minimum. For more information, call Joe at (314) 849-0498 or Bryan at (314) 291-3521.

BAC soccer clinic
Belleville Area College will hold a winter soccer clinic from 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, 16 and 23 at BAC's intramural gym, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The clinic is for players ages 10-18; limited space is available. Instructors are Larry Petri (head coach at BAC), Chad Lignout (assistant coach at BAC), Phil Aleman (head coach at Belleville East), Bill Houck (head coach at Belleville West), Dave Stosberg

(head coach at Althoff) and John Van Buskirk (Indiana University graduate and current German professional). For more information, call the BAC athletic department at 235-2700, extension 271.

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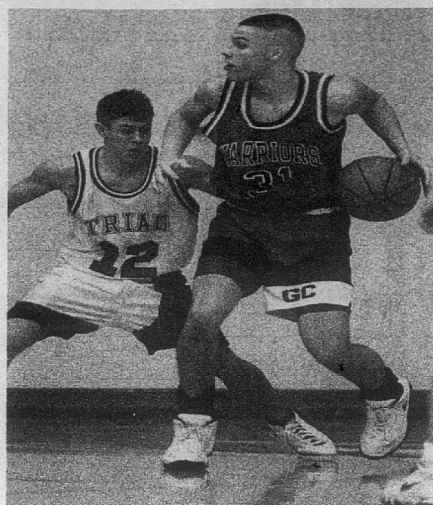
Winter baseball camps
FCA Sports Camps and Belleville Area College coach Neil Fiala will hold winter hitting and pitching camps at the BAC campus, 2500 Carlyle Road. Sessions are available at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Dec. 26-28 and 9-11 a.m. on Jan. 5-7. Hitting camps are \$65 per session and pitching camps are \$45. For a registration sheet, call 235-2700, extension 371 during the day or (314) 487-2768 in the evening.

All-star tryouts
The St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association will select an all-star team to play baseball in Australia in March 1997. The team is open to boys born March 30, 1985, or later.

For more information, call Al Bond at (314) 945-3052.

SISL Showcase
The Southern Illinois Soccer League (SISL) will host its seventh annual high school Showcase on Saturday, Dec. 7. The Showcase is designed to expose college-bound Southern Illinois soccer players to regional college soccer coaches and allow the players to explore college programs and funding options. The Showcase is open to any high school junior and senior girls or boys residing in Southern Illinois who have a desire to continue playing soccer on the collegiate level. A stand-alone game format will be played with training by area coaches under the direction of Wood River High School mentor Margaret "Babe" Edsall. Referees will be provided through the voluntary efforts of the Southern Illinois Soccer Officials Association.

Any eligible players interested in participating may call Carol Walker (639-1033) or Ellen Yank (624-2449) for an application or leave a message on the SISL hotline at 238-0052. A \$25 player fee will be charged to offset operating costs. Scholarship funds are available for players who qualify for assistance. Any coach or official may also call to volunteer.



Ray Smith looks inside as Triad's Trevor Yates defends in Tuesday's game.

Warriors

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"That was a big factor in the ballgame. They were giving up that much size. We have got to work a lot on position. I thought in the other aspects of the game we played pretty well."

The Knights kept the game close through the first half and trailed by four points, 26-22, going into halftime. But the Warriors pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring the Knights 18-6 to take a 44-28 lead.

Brian Patterson did most of the damage for Triad in the first three quarters until Andy Brendel and Sean Carver found their scoring touch in the fourth quarter. Patterson scored 15 of his 15 points in the first three quarters, and Carver scored 10 of his team-high 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Sean Carver, Tim Loomis and Andy Brendel helped us a little bit," Mason said. "I think they will all come through and score some. I think overall, we had a good ballgame."

A pair of treys from Carver and one from Brendel cut the Warriors' lead to 47-41 at the beginning of the final quarter. The teams traded several baskets before Brendel hit a jumper to get the Knights as close as they would get the rest of the way at 52-47.

Briggs came up big for the Warriors down the stretch. When the Knights were forced to foul to get back into the game, Briggs was up to the task. The senior guard made 11 of 13 free throws in the fourth quarter.

"Kyle Briggs stepped up to the line and did the job for us when he needed to," Van Buskirk said. "We really missed Kyle in the game. You could see (Tuesday night) that he was the difference."

GRANITE CITY vs. Edwardsville: The Warriors jump into SWC action Friday night at home against the Tigers, a newcomer to the league. It will be the season opener for Edwardsville, which went 19-9 last season.

"(Edwardsville) is an excellent team," Van Buskirk said. "They are big, but they are going to be quicker than us. They do different things than everybody else. They pull the ball out. We just have to try to hang in there."

"It would be nice if we get a lead and keep a lead. It's a different game if you have the lead on them versus trying to chase them. They spread the floor and do a great job of doing that."

Trojans

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crowd fired up early, sprinting to leads of 15-2 after one quarter and 30-10 by halftime.

"Waterloo looked a little unorganized and that's probably because they have so many young kids," Collins said. "They never seemed to get on track after the slow start."

When they had good looks at the basket, the shots weren't falling for them. "It was a typical first game for both teams. We didn't play smoothly for very long. We'd have our two-minute spurts and then we'd throw the ball away or force shots. We know we still need a lot to work on to get ready for Friday."

The Trojans play host to Berkeley (Mo.) at 8 p.m. Friday, while Waterloo hosts Lebanon.

Berkeley is annually one of Missouri's top Class 3A teams. The Bulldogs usually have fast-breaking teams, but Madison should be prepared because of its depth. Madison reserves, for example, outscored Waterloo backups by a 14-1 margin in the fourth quarter.

Starting forwards Brandon McGirt and Demond Simms scored 10 and four points, respectively, while versatile shooting guard Maurice Baker scored 12. Starting point guard Jerrid Howard did not score, but reserves Clifford Burris (five points) and Deondre Ware (four) were among nine total Trojans who netted at least two points.

Waterloo had no scorers in double figures, getting nine points from Overby and six from senior guard Doug Ludwig.

"I'm really not surprised Tywansley was our leading scorer coming off the bench," Collins said. "He didn't start (Tuesday), but he might start Friday. Among our first seven guys, any of them might start on a given night. We're not looking for any one high man because we have balanced scoring."

"If we're going to be nice if we get a lead and keep a lead. It's a different game if you have the lead on them versus trying to chase them. They spread the floor and do a great job of doing that."

By the numbers

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Soccer

Final Poll

1. CBC (26-2).....70
2. SLUH (24-4-4).....63
3. DSmet (20-9-1).....54
4. Aquinas-Mercy (21-6-3).....51
5. Chaminade (20-5-4).....36
6. Hazelwood C. (19-9-3).....32
7. Francis Howell N. (20-5-3).....25
8. Collinsville (18-8-2).....24
9. St. Dominic (16-4-6).....17
10. (tie) Lafayette (20-6-2).....14
10. (tie) St. Mary's (13-13-9).....14

Also receiving votes: Ft. Zumwalt South, Affton, St. Charles West, St. Pius, Rockwood Summit, Principia.

Journal Writers' Poll Football

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Hazelwood Central (13-1).....70
2. Mehlville (12-1).....62
3. Edwardsville (10-1).....52
4. SLUH (9-3).....50
5. Pattonville (9-2).....46

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7. Hazelwood East (8-2).....31
8. CBC (8-1).....19
9. Webster Groves (9-2).....15
10. East St. Louis (9-2).....8

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. MICOS (13-0).....70
2. St. Charles West (9-2).....59
3. John Burroughs (8-4).....54
4. Herculaneum (9-1).....53
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10. Eureka (5-7).....6

Also receiving votes: Orchard Farm (8-2), Windsor (7-4) and Crystal City (7-3).

Southwestern Conference			
Team	W	L	T
Edwardsville	9	0	1
East St. Louis	6	1	9
SLUH	3	3	6
Granite City	3	4	3
Belleville East	3	4	3
Belleville West	2	3	7
Alton	1	6	2
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Calhoun Conference

Team	W	L	T
Freeburg	9	0	1
Carlyle	4	2	4
Columbia	4	2	4
Waterloo	3	3	3
Dupo	2	4	2
Red Bud	2	4	2
Bresne Center	0	4	9

Mississippi Valley Conference

Team	W	L	T
Triad	4	1	9
Jerseyville	4	2	7
Civie Memorial	3	3	3
Roxana	3	3	3
Highland	2	4	3
Macouhah	2	4	3
Wood River	1	5	1

South Seven Conference

Team	W	L	T
Calhoun	5	0	7
O'Fallon	2	1	4
Mount Vernon	2	1	4
Centralia	1	4	2
Marion	1	4	2
Carbondale	0	4	1

Independents

Team	W	L	T
M.E. Lutheran	4	4	4

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Calhoun	4	1	9

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Team</

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(Last year's records in parentheses)
Game 1: Parkway Central (23-4) vs. Springfield (20-4), 3:30 p.m.
Game 2: Incarnate Word girls (27-3) vs. Mater Dei (26-3), 5 p.m.
Game 3: Francis Howell (20-7) vs. Shelbyville (34-1), 6:30 p.m.
Game 4: Webster Groves (29-3) vs. Cape Coral (Fla.) Mariner (30-3), 8 p.m.
Game 5: Vashon (20-8) vs. Baton Rouge (La.) Southern Laboratory (26-4), 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12
Game 6: Riverview Gardens (17-9) vs. Wichita (Kan.) East (21-4), noon
Game 7: Carlyle girls (32-2) vs. Jackson (Mo.) (27-3), 1:30 p.m.
Game 8: Alton (22-7) vs. Memphis (Tenn.) East (30-7), 3:15 p.m.
Game 9: Desmet (25-7) vs. East Peoria (26-2), 4:45 p.m.
Game 10: Peoria Manual (31-2) vs. Oak Hill Academy (27-4), 6:30 p.m.
Game 11: CBC (22-9) vs. Harvey Thornton (31-1), 8 p.m.
Game 12: Belleville East (24-7) vs. Minneapolis North (27-1), 9:30 p.m.

GCHS

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against him."
The last was junior winger Todd McQueen's third goal of the season with 4:10 left to play to make the score more respectable. GCHS also got secondary assists from freshmen Ty Suhre, his third, and Bobby Meszaros, his ninth. Meszaros leads all GCHS defensemen with nine points, one more than senior backline stalwart Brian Johnson.

The most significant statistic for the Warriors is their 500 record, which includes no wins on Wilson Park ice (0-3-0). They hope to get their first "non-neutral" home victory next Monday when they host CBC at 8:45 p.m. The Cadets are another of the swift upper-tier teams the Warriors are trying to adjust to after playing Tier II hockey last season. "They're supposed to be one

of the better teams," Scannell said. "But we try not to look at any of them as being at the top of the hill. We want to go into every one of them with an open mind and play the very best that we can."

GCHS remains confident, but with only 13 regular-season games left to play. The Warriors have yet to win back-to-back games since a 2-0 start. "I think we've fared out pretty well so far, considering (many) didn't expect us to win a game in Tier I," he said. "From the beginning of the season, our guys get on the ice and players now are coming at them a bit quicker. They've adapted to it."

"We haven't been in one game that wasn't a winnable situation for us. No one has really dominated us. I'm really happy with the progress we've had."



Ty Suhre handles the puck as teammate Mikal Guffey looks on.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESHO)

Devils

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as much this year."

Matthews was particularly impressive from long range, hitting three treys for all of his nine points. That matched the entire team total by Freeburg, which got one 3-pointer from senior Josh Duffe (12 points). Cotton and starting forward

Jammie Edwards had six points apiece for Venice, while point guard Kevin Roberts and sixth man Ladwell Collins scored three points each.

The Midgets got points from eight different players. Their deeper bench was a factor in the pivotal third quarter, when they made a 21-15 run to turn a one-point halftime deficit

into a 42-37 lead entering the fourth period. "It was just kind of a gradual pull-away, nothing that really stood out," Blumberg said. "We just started playing harder on defense. I thought we were back on our heels a lot for the first 2 1/2 quarters. We finally got after it on defense in the third quarter and took some things away from them."

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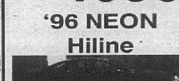
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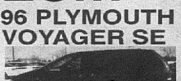
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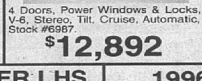
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Shortly after the accident, the local police department appeared at the accident scene. The truck driver (defendant) admitted at the accident scene that he was speeding. The police officer issued the truck driver a ticket. However, the officer went one step further and also gave a ticket to the plaintiff. The officer explained that the plaintiff should have known that the truck was traveling at an excessive rate of speed, and therefore he should not have changed lanes. The plaintiff was ticketed for improper lane usage.

What are the ramifications of the plaintiff receiving a ticket in this case? In the first place, Illinois is a comparative negligence state, and damages will be awarded to the plaintiff and his daughter based on the percentage of negligence attributed to each party. Therefore, it is undoubtedly important for the plaintiff to fight the ticket. Most insurance companies will reduce the amount of money offered to the plaintiff in a case if he is partially at fault.

In addition, if the plaintiff is convicted of improper lane usage, this could raise his insurance rates. When there is substantial property damage in an accident as well as personal injuries, most insurance companies insist that it account when deciding on insurance rates at the time of renewal. Depending on the plaintiff's driving record, such an accident could even result in the cancellation of his policy.

There are two lessons to be learned from this type of accident. A person should always make a diligent attempt to thoroughly explain to the police officer at the accident scene how the accident occurred. Police officers make a determination as to the issuance of tickets based on the description of the accident by the parties involved. Often a person involved in an auto accident will not take the time or the effort to approach the officer, and this can be a mistake.

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Madison Community Unit School District #12 for 1996 will be held on December 19, 1996 at 6:45 P.M. at the Board Office, 1707 Fourth Street, Madison, IL 62060.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Gary Allison, Superintendent, 1707 Fourth Street, Madison, IL 62060, Telephone: (618) 877-1712.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 1995 were \$1,056,757.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 1995 are \$1,154,659. This represents a 9.26% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 1995 were \$313,670.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 1996 are \$315,124. This represents a 0.46% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 1995 were \$1,370,427.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 1996 are \$1,469,783. This represents a 7.25% increase over the previous year.

Transportation upgrades a boon

A new report offers support for a common-sense thesis, that recent major investments in transportation improvements have been a boon to the Metro East economy.

The report, produced by the Leadership Council Southwest, states spending on major projects like the new Clark Bridge, renovation of the McKinley Bridge and extension of Interstate 255 to Interstate 270 has contributed to positive trends in construction and employment.

"Transportation drives commerce. It's as simple as that," said Jim Pennekamp, the council's executive director. "With major public transportation projects, we've gotten a very good return on our investment."

The report notes that the fastest residential growth area in Madison or St. Clair counties is that around Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Maryville and Troy.

"The greatest single factor behind growth in the Edwardsville area is the completion of Interstate 255 to 270, which gave the area easy access to downtown St. Louis," Pennekamp said. "We can only expect more of the same after it is extended to Illinois 148."

Funding for that extension

has been approved. The Leadership Council is lobbying for funds for an additional extension of I-255 to Godfrey and a proposed new Mississippi River bridge north of downtown St. Louis.

Like the new Clark Bridge, those projects promise to make the River Bend more attractive for residential development.

The Leadership Council report reinforces the importance of a new long-range transportation plan now being developed for Madison County.

That document, scheduled for completion in about a year, will help determine priorities and guide decisions for investments in transportation over the next two decades, and those decisions will influence how the region develops for decades after that.

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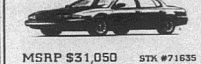
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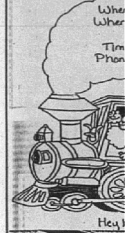
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Are 'the dwindles' normal for elderly?

Is grumpiness a normal condition of the elderly? Are aches and pains and waning appetites inevitable signs of aging? Do older people become so rundown they can't be expected to keep up an active social life?

Wrong on all counts, said Dr. Anne Egbert, a geriatrician at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita. Elderly people and their loved ones should not accept crotchiness and other commonly observed "symptoms" of old age as normal, she said.

Reclusiveness, a lack of appetite, declining energy and some other ailments commonly associated with aging may be signs of a condition known as "the dwindles," or, as doctors call it, "failure to thrive."

"There's lots of controversy about what's considered normal in aging. Just because it's common in aging doesn't mean it's normal," Egbert said. "Failure to thrive is always abnormal."

As people become elderly, some appear to dwindle away, becoming caught in a downward emotional and physical spiral that often leads to death. With early treatment, the dwindles can be partially or fully reversed, she said.

Doctors don't always recognize the condition, which can develop because of poor nutrition—a problem affecting one in four elderly people, experts say. The dwindles can be touched off by other ailments as well, Egbert said.

"Say you had someone with severe emphysema. Often those people are not able to eat well, because they're so short of breath," she said. "It's hard to eat when you can't get your breath, and you can lose a lot of weight and become isolated."

"You can't go anywhere because you're on oxygen, and that can lead into a failure-to-thrive-type syndrome," she said.

Egbert said she's seen improvement in about half of the people she's treated. "I haven't always been successful because the underlying causes cannot always be reversed," she said. "Often they will refuse to eat. Or if they have a medical illness you can't correct... But the key thing is to try."

One patient, an 80-year-old Connecticut woman, who had been fiercely independent all

her life, was placed in a nursing home after she stopped eating regularly and became unable to care for herself. She had fallen several times and had severe rheumatoid arthritis.

"She had refused to see a doctor for years and ended up weighing 100 pounds. She was average height and basically was shriveled up, kind of skinny," Egbert said.

"We found a couple of things that really caused her problems," she said. "One, she was very socially withdrawn. The reason was she couldn't hear and she couldn't see. She had bad cataracts and she was almost completely deaf."

Family members lived out of state and were unable to keep in close touch. Her arthritis pain was overwhelming, and the usual medicines weren't giving her any relief, Egbert said.

So here she is, if you can picture it: If you put a blindfold around yourself and put earplugs in your ears and were in terrible pain, and then were put in a strange place where you didn't know anybody.

"You would become confused, combative and withdrawn, and that's exactly what happened," she said.

Since the woman refused to take any medicine, doctors treated her pain by putting a narcotic patch—similar to a nicotine patch—on her arm.

The next step was to deal with the woman's growing reclusiveness by increasing human contact.

"We got hearing aids, but she refused to wear them, which is not unusual. But we got a computer screen and would write to her—turn the font up so it was real big... she really loved that. She began asking for food," Egbert said.

The family was able to afford to hire a private nurse, who talked to the woman, held her hand and fed her a little bit at a time. The woman cat was allowed in for visits, Egbert said.

"She just turned around incredibly," Egbert said. "What she needed was human contact and somebody to spend time with her and relieve her pain, and when that was done she came out of her shell. She would sit up in her chair. She'd put on weight. She began asking for food."

Associated Press

Incontinence victims ashamed, uneducated about the problem

Personal embarrassment and a lack of information about the common urine leakage problem known as urinary incontinence is preventing millions of Americans from seeking treatment, according to a national study released this week.

"This is a major health issue for American women and one with devastating consequences to the quality of their lives," said Dr. Alan Wein, co-chair of the Bladder Health Council of the American Foundation of Urologic Diseases, which released the study at the American Urological Association meeting recently.

The study found that 17 percent of American women age 45 and older are affected by urinary incontinence, and 85 percent of the 10 million Americans affected by it are women.

A majority of women said they were concerned about developing incontinence, although an even greater percentage admitted they actually knew "little" or "nothing" about the condition. Women said they lack certainty in social situations because of the leakage, but many don't seek treatment or aren't happy with the treatment they get.

"I think that what our job is to try and educate the public that there shouldn't be a stigma attached and that there are effective treatments," Wein said Wednesday. "If we can empower people with the knowledge that it's OK to seek help for it... then I think more would."

Nearly half of the women interviewed in the survey, which was conducted by Yankelevich Partners, waited more than a year to discuss their problem with anyone.

The interviews were conducted

with two samples of American women: a national sample of 1,000 women aged 45 and older and a sample of 142 women with urine leakage. The margin of error was plus or minus 8 percent.

Wein said the Baltimore-based APUD, which was founded in 1987, also is trying to educate primary care physicians about how to identify four types of incontinence and prescribe the appropriate treatments or refer patients to the proper specialists.

"I think that very many personal care physicians just haven't been exposed to the information," he said.

The treatments range from exercises to electrical stimulation surgery, depending on the patient's type of incontinence or the bladder.

Stress urinary incontinence is caused by childbirth, aging or pelvic or prostate surgery. This type occurs during physical activities, such as sneezing, that exert pressure on the bladder.

Urgency incontinence is associated with a sudden uncontrollable urge to urinate and the inability to get to the bathroom in time and is caused by a variety of things, including brain tumors, stroke and multiple sclerosis, to name a few.

Overflow incontinence occurs when the bladder is distended and does not empty completely. This type is caused by an enlarged prostate, damaged bladder, and diabetes, among other things.

Reflex incontinence occurs because of abnormal activity in the spinal cord. There is no warning sensation associated with the urination. This type is caused by spinal cord injury and tumors.

Associated Press

Researchers: Gene defect link to Alzheimer's

A gene defect known to be common in Alzheimer's patients has, for the first time, proven useful in predicting development of the disease, researchers say.

A team at the Mayo Clinic found that elderly patients who had greater-than-average memory problems and also

had the gene defect were four times as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease as those without the defect.

But the defect is far from a perfect predictor, the researchers cautioned in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

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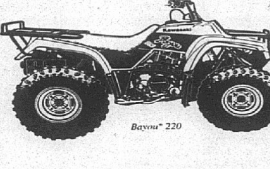
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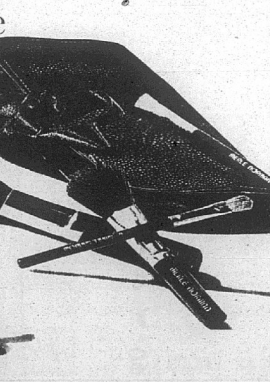
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Aging population requires changes

Without radical changes in the workplace, some developed nations may wind up with more retired than employed within 30 years, according to a U.N. report.

Throughout the world, people are living longer and birth rates generally are declining, especially in industrialized nations.

As a result, when workers reach their golden years, there are fewer and fewer people to replace them in the workforce, said the report released Tuesday by the International Labor Organization, the U.N. labor agency.

The report said the situation is aggravated because older workers, facing discrimination and pushed into early retirement, are disappearing from the workplace at an alarming rate.

Hardest hit are the welfare states of western Europe, where birth rates also are among the lowest. If trends persist, western Europe will have one person retired for every 1.5 employed by 2025, the report said. In the Netherlands, the ratio would be about 1-to-1.

By 2025 in some developed countries pensioners may outnumber workers, resulting in tremendous social burden on a dwindling working population, said Gisela Schneider, a senior ILO researcher and author of the report.

Companies can cope by retaining workers longer and investing in them, for example with new training, flexible working hours and better working conditions, the ILO report suggested.

Older workers in jobs requiring good reflexes, strength and sharp vision will need to be moved to areas where they

can best make use of their maturity and long experience, such as sales and teaching, it said.

"We will have to learn to think more flexibly than our present rigid tri-partite system of education, work and retirement," said Schneider.

"One possibility is for workers to move in and out of the work place at different times of their life, allowing them to take time off to raise children, travel, or concentrate on a hobby, while claiming unemployment benefits, she said.

Because of improved health, many industrialized countries will have more than a quarter of their population aged over 60 years by the turn of the century, according to the report.

Meanwhile, the birth rate for the total world population dropped from 28 to 27 births for every 1,000 people between 1950 and 1990, with rates as low as 16 in developed regions.

At the same time working life has become shorter: Young people study longer, while older people often bear the brunt of rising unemployment with early retirements and layoffs.

The decline in older workers has leveled off recently in countries like the United States and Sweden because laws have changed to allow people to work longer. But elsewhere in the industrialized world the drop has been precipitous, particularly for men.

The number of working men aged 60-64 has dropped 71 percent in the Netherlands, 69 percent in Austria, 67 percent in France and 56 percent in Finland.

Already, governments are considering ways to avert a looming social crisis, by raising or eliminating retirement age, reducing pensions or increasing taxes and pension contributions.

But the study advised against forcing people to work longer or reducing pensions because that could lead to social conflict.

Instead, employers should be more flexible about retirement, it said.

The pace of biological aging varies greatly from one person to another, the report noted. "Chronological age is therefore a very poor indicator of when a worker should retire."

Several studies in the United States show that older workers are better at working with people, harder working, and more loyal than many of their younger colleagues, it said.

"Many companies see older workers as less productive and costing more in wages," said Schneider. "In fact skilled, highly qualified older people have a tremendous amount to offer."

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34 million Americans 65 years old or older

Americans 65 and older play 32 percent of all rounds of golf, take 72 percent of all recreation vehicle trips and comprise 60 percent of all vacation cruise passengers, a private research group said.

Almost 34 million—one in eight Americans—have reached their 65th birthday, the Population Reference Bureau Inc. reported Wednesday.

It said the number of elderly Americans quadrupled during the first half of the 20th century. And by the middle of the 21st century, roughly one in five, or 80 million people, will be 65 or older.

The number of Americans age 100 or older more than tripled to 52,000 since 1980, the report said, and may reach 1 million in half a century.

"The pace of growth is slower now as the relatively small number of people born during the 1930s Great Depression moves into old age," it said. "But the process will accelerate again in about 15 years when the large baby-boom generation starts reaching the 65-year mark."

Those are the people born just after World War II.

The report said Florida has the highest percentage of elderly, with 18.4 percent; followed by Pennsylvania, 16.9 percent; Rhode Island, 15.5 percent; and Iowa and West Virginia, each with 15.4 percent.

The report also said, despite Depression-era improvements like Social Security, one of every eight elderly Americans is poor.

Social Security remains the biggest single source of income for the elderly, the report said, accounting for 23 out of every \$50 elderly Americans receive.

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